

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the following claims by adding the additional new claims 26-30 shown to claim previously submitted as follows:

1. (Previously submitted): A decorative table covering comprising:
a fabric cover generally corresponding to the shape of a selected shape of table top but smaller such that, when placed on such a table top, it will expose parts of the table top, or any covering thereon, beyond the peripheral edges of the fabric cover,
loop extensions on the fabric cover periodically extending from the periphery of the fabric cover to the edge of the table top and providing loops for ties to be spaced from the periphery of the fabric cover, and
at least one decorative tie to be fed through the loops and around the table top in a decorative way and so that adjacent ends of ties may be connected together in a decorative way between adjacent loop extensions.
2. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the fabric cover which is placed in the middle of a table top of such shape and size does not extend to the edge of the table top except to the extent portions providing loop extensions so extend.
3. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which at least part of the fabric cover is perforated in a decorative design to expose the table top or cover thereon beneath the fabric cover.
4. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 3 in which at least one perforated area of the fabric cover has the perforation covered with perforations cover another contrasting fabric.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which at least part of the fabric cover is non-woven.

7. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the adjacent ends of decorative ties designed to extend through the loops on the loop extensions are pulled together and the ends of the decorative ties tied to each other in a decorative manner.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the ties are made of material different from the fabric cover.
10. (Cancelled herein): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the ties are a different color from the fabric cover.
11. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the loop extensions are separate pieces from the fabric cover and attached to the fabric cover.
12. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 11 in which each loop is formed by folding back the loop extension on itself, connecting one end of each extension near the other end, and connecting the loop extension as a whole to the fabric cover.
13. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 12 in which the folding back of the end of the loop on the top is only part way to the periphery of the fabric cover to which the other end is attached and the two ends of the extension are decoratively connected together in that position.
14. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 11 in which the loop is formed by rolling one end of the extension into a loop and connecting the contacting parts of the loop together and the opposite end of the extension to the fabric cover.
15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the loop extensions are an integral part of the fabric of the fabric cover.

18. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the loop extensions are individually decorated.

19. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the fabric cover corresponds in shape to a table top shape on which it is intended to be used but is smaller in size than such a table top.

20. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 19 in which a table top on which the covering is intended to be used is circular and the fabric cover is circular but of smaller diameter.

21. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 19 in which the shape of a table top on which the decorative covering is to be used is generally rectangular and the fabric cover is generally rectangular but smaller.

22. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 19 in which the table top shape is generally square and the fabric cover is generally square but smaller.

23. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the loop extensions will extend to and beyond the edge of such a table top size so that the ties when installed through the loop extensions will lie outside and fall below the table top so as to tend to hold the decorative table covering in place on the table.

24. (Previously submitted): The decorative table covering of claim 23 in which the loop extensions are designed to extend below such a table top sufficiently far that the ties when installed may be pulled sufficiently tight to pull at least some part of the ties under the table

top.

25. (New): A method of decorating and using a fabric cover generally corresponding to a table top of selected shape but smaller such that on the table top it will expose parts of the table top, or any covering thereon, beyond the peripheral edges of the fabric cover except for loop extensions periodically extending from the periphery of the fabric cover to the edge of the table top, which loop extensions are narrow relative to lateral spacing between the extensions and provide loops for supporting ties spaced from the fabric cover, near the edge of the table top, and at least one decorative tie, comprising the steps of:

feeding the tie through the loops and placing the fabric cover on the table top in position for the loop extensions to extend at least to the edge of the table, and arranging the tie near the edge of the table top so that at least between the loop extensions the tie will drape down from the edge,

connecting adjacent ends of the ties to one another in such a way that the completed tie remains loose and slack and able to be viewed between adjacent loop extensions, and,

arranging the ties between loops when displayed on the table to be drooping, and easily visible throughout their length between the loops when displayed on the table.

26. (New): The decorating method of claim 25 in which the means of connecting adjacent ends of the ties together is tying them into bows.

27. (New): The method of claim 26 in which the tie is made of multiple segments in series such that the multiple connections of adjacent ends are made by tying the adjacent ends together.

28. (New): The decorating method of claim 25 in which the means of connecting the adjacent ends of the tie together is a separate decorative connector means.

29. (New): The method of claim 28 in which the tie is made of multiple segments in series such that each of the multiple connections of adjacent ends is made by separate connectors.

30. (New): A kit for decorating a table comprising:

a fabric cover generally corresponding to a table top of selected shape but smaller such that on the table top it will expose parts of the table top, or any covering thereon, beyond the peripheral edges of the fabric cover except for loop extensions periodically extending from the periphery of the fabric cover to the edge of the table top, which loop extensions are narrow relative to lateral spacing between the extensions, and provide loops for supporting ties spaced from the fabric cover, near the edge of the table top, and at least one decorative tie to be fed through the loop of the extensions and cumulatively long enough to be loosely supported by the loops.